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TO : Director, Office of Patent Publication  
FROM : Office of the Deputy Commissioner  
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SUBJECT : Withdrawal from Issue of **Application No. 09/484,421**

Applicant(s) : Martin Dubs et al  
Application No. : 09/484,421  
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The above-identified application has been assigned Patent No. 6,790,320 and an issue date of September 14, 2004.

It is hereby directed that this application be withdrawn from issue at the request of the applicant. Do not refund the issue fee.

The following erratum should be published in the Official Gazette if the above-identified application is published in the OG of September 14, 2004:

**"All reference to Patent No. 6,790,320 to Martin Dubs et al of Switzerland for SPUTTER CHAMBER AS WELL AS VACUUM TRANSPORT CHAMBER AND VACUUM HANDLING APPARATUS WITH SUCH CHAMBERS appearing in the Official Gazette of September 14, 2004 should be deleted since no patent was granted."**

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